

### The Ronco Family.

The Ronco's are a family of French descent who have intermarried with the Indians till it is hard to tell which they most resemble.

The brothers are Levi Ronco, Paul Ronco, Teusta (or Teuster) Ronco, Peter Ronco, Geo. Ronco is a

son of Peter's. 1917. Lewis Hetchum names Gaspar, Teusta - & John Ronco. My mother - name Labdee, she names Piel Mitchell, but <sup>most of</sup> the children were called after her. The Indian name was Labdee-nereyuk; the rest of them were Ronco's. They distinguished between the two families (I suppose the father of the children were illegit.) Had a daughter by name of <sup>Trudy</sup> Labdee

Pete Ronco has been as guide, hunter, trapper & man of all of work for Gardiner Grinnell who employs him more for the pleasure of his conversation than anything else. Peter once kept Grinnell from visiting Sebec Lake by telling him it was all "puddency" so you couldnt paddle through it

One morning after hearing eight or nine shots fired on the lake, my father paddled out to find old Pete after a cook

"Ben kill dem cook. He die sure. We see em dis mornin'. Took up gun; shot em